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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF  
MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371**

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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C.  
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above-identified application, applicants submit herewith the following:

1. an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney in compliance with Rule 37 CFR §1.497(a) and (b) (Exhibit 2); and
2. a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (See 37 CFR §1.492 (e)).

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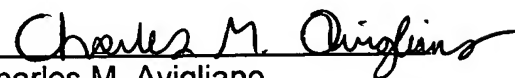
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 03/23/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/23/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 03/23/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 03/23/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 03/23/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette filed on 03/23/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 03/23/2005
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 03/23/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 03/23/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 03/23/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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